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## THE INVESTIGATION INTO MONOPOLIES.

Every now and then the grinding character of monopolies arouses the indignation of the people of the United States and an effort is made to burst the trammels which enable the rich to become richer and the poor, poorer, throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The present investigation does not bring forward quite as much sensational matter as did the investigation into the oil trust in the seventies. Then witnesses disappeared, books could not be found, records in judicial courts with the pages, bearing upon the trials connected with the trust, cut out, and, if memory serves, a part of the committee's report to Congress has been mislaid, and cannot be found. This meant an organized system of bribery and corruption which dragged into its meshes senators, congressmen, judges, officials of the courts, journalists and a host of minor people.

However, there are the same general features. Witnesses when called up suffer from a remarkable loss of memory. Bookkeepers and clerks have forgotten all about important transactions which have been recorded by them, and the books of the companies are all kept outside of the State of New York and are not available. Some witnesses have also gone on tours and have omitted to leave their addresses with either their employers or their friends. Of course both consumer and the working man, it is claimed by the trusts, are benefitted by their actions. It is very strange that neither the consumer nor the working man seem to enjoy the philanthropic action of the trusts and are forever seeking some method of at least curbing and controlling them, if not of breaking them up altogether. The division between the trusts and the public is not fair, the trusts get all the fat and the fat runs into the millions of dollars, while the public gets a very, very little of the lean and has to work hard for it.

### JAPANESE CHARACTER.

Every now and again comes a flash of Japanese character which shows that they are utterly unlike the Western Nations. They were drilled as European soldiers, they organized a Red Cross Society and they started out to fight with China on distinctly European principles, and then followed the frightful massacre at Port Arthur, which was worthy of their foe, the Chinese, but totally at variance with their civilized professions.

The other evening at Spreckelsville 300 Japanese held a meeting in their camp or village. The place is not very far distant from the mill buildings and the Manager's house. They had had a difference of opinion about some funds in his hand. The man failed to make a satisfactory explanation and started to run away, when the whole gang of 300 put after him and mashed in his head with clubs. This may be an Eastern method of clearing up financial questions, it is certainly not the custom of the nations of the West.

But this is not all. Five of the ring leaders were arrested for murder and taken to Wailuku and locked up in jail. Then the rest of the village quit work and marched in a body to Wailuku to sympathize with their friends, the murderers.

Of course The Star can say nothing about the merits of the case, those will be settled in the courts. But it is wise to consider that these people who are pouring in here are at times turbulent and cruel. If the remark "scratch the Russian and you will find the Tartar" is true of that race, so you may scratch through the thin veneer of civilization in the Japanese and you will find the original Japanese of Commodore Wilkes' day underneath. Now it is quite a question whether such a population is calculated to make a desirable or a progressive population. The Government should make the most strenuous efforts to carefully regulate the immigration of these people.

### IBSEN.

The position of Ibsen in literature is a peculiar one. He is essentially the writer of the advanced thought. His

plays are acted in half a dozen languages. Another man emulated him, but he came to complete grief, and that was Oscar Wilde. However, Ibsen is a very different man from Oscar.

Ibsen has evidently an idea that his own country is one of the most immoral upon earth. He has said so in an interview. Of course he is a wretched pessimist. He claims that the subjects of his plays are taken from what he "sees with his own eyes." Speaking of Christiana he says "It is the most immoral town in Europe, and there is no town in Europe where a student of social life can find better subjects."

Evidently Ibsen has not traveled much far afield. If he had visited Chicago, Paris, St. Petersburg, London and San Francisco, it is very doubtful if he would think that his own city was as bad as he has painted it.

It is really an easy thing to represent the worst side of a set of people. The question is which 's the best to do, to show the worst or the best? A large bulk of authors shew us the best and this school which has recently grown up to shew us the worst is by no means healthy to humanity. The more one reads of Ibsen and his views the more one is inclined to agree with Professor Lambroso that he is a degenerate.

There is something more in this world than the morbid subjects which Ibsen takes up in his "Doll's House" and plays of a similar character. Granted that they are clever, granted that they give opportunities for histrionic performers to make a mark, what good do they do?

Take other authors and they either enlighten or amuse. Shakespeare, well played, is good. To come from Shakespeare to Morton and Planche seems a big jump, but what excellent, clean, authors they were and they have been followed by a large school who have trodden in their footsteps. What the stage needs is healthy, vigorous writing. The play of psychological detail is utterly unhealthy, and it is to be hoped that its reign will soon cease. Instead of taking the better parts of humanity and illustrating them, the drama of the present day has set to work to illustrate the very worst phases of our present civilization.

Any one who knows the picture gallery in Berlin will remember the pictures of the entrails of animals shewn there. They come from the celebrated Dutch school. It was painstaking, it was accurate, but it was not true art, and one's view of Ibsen is that though his work is clever, and though it is in many cases very accurate, it is not true art either.

The commercial progress achieved during the Victorian era is carefully reviewed in a new magazine entitled "Trade and Industry." The summary of some of the statistics is as follows:

1896	38,101,937	1897	25,650,000
£ 12,000,000,000	360	£ 4,050,000,000	150
718,827	101,580	101,580	101,580
54,750	26,500	26,500	26,500
428	106	106	106

This is a wonderful advance in the course of sixty years. Of course newspapers and magazines are being flooded with articles upon the history of Queen Victoria's reign and with comparisons with the manners and customs of the people in 1837 and in 1896, with the educational advance and with the Queen's personal influence in both these directions. But few articles will show more clearly the commercial advance than the one which has appeared in "Trade and Industry."

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MARCH 12, 1897.

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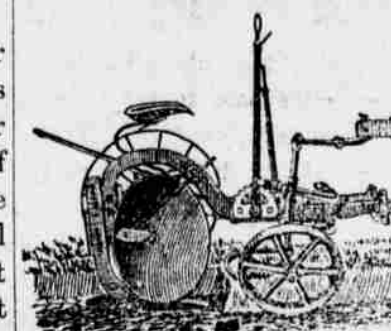
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